

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-209-C - ORDER NO. 2003-57 ✓
FEBRUARY 4, 2003

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.) ORDER ON SIX-MONTH REVIEW AND STAFF'S PROPOSED MEDIATION PROCESS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a proposal from the Commission Staff related to a mediation process to be used in conjunction with the dispute resolution component of the Change Control Process. On February 14, 2002, the Commission issued Order Number 2002-77, wherein the Commission mandated that the Commission Staff develop, in consultation with the other parties in this Docket, a model mediation process to be used in conjunction with the dispute resolution component of the Change Control Process should a dispute be escalated to this Commission. The Commission also ordered that the initial review of performance data and the Incentive Penalty Plan (IPP) be conducted six months after BellSouth's 271 approval by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for South Carolina.

In response to Commission Orders from the BellSouth 271 proceeding, the Commission Staff filed a proposed mediation process. Thereafter, Staff's proposed mediation process was served on all the parties in this Docket. The only response received concerning Staff's proposed mediation process was a letter received from

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., indicating their satisfaction with the process proposed by the Commission Staff. During the Commission Meeting on January 22, 2003, Gary E. Walsh, the Commission's Executive Director, recommended that the six-month review hearing include consideration of the Commission Staff's proposed mediation process related to the Change Control Process.

We agree with the recommendation made by the Executive Director and hereby order that Staff's proposed mediation process be included as one of the issues that is discussed during the six-month review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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